

TO: GAL/CASA Program Directors

**FROM: Leslie Dunn, Indiana State Director of GAL/CASA,
State Court Administration, Indiana Supreme Court**

DATE: July 14, 2006

RE: Supplemental CAPTA grant application instructions

Along with this memorandum, we are providing you with a copy of the 2005 Juvenile Statistics from the 2005 Indiana Judicial Service Report. This data is required pursuant to statute and court rule from every court in the state. It is reported quarterly on forms provided by the Division and it is then compiled and published in the Judicial Service Report. It is the official judicial caseload data.

In some instances, the number of GAL/CASA appointments in JC (CHINS) and JT (Termination of Parental Rights) cases reported on the courts' Quarterly Case Status Reports (QCSR) and compiled in the attached report are different than what has been reported to the State Office of GAL/CASA by the program directors in their Annual Survey and Statistics Report. If you are one of the counties that has a significant difference between the number of appointments reported on the attached Judicial Service Report and the number of appointments reported by the GAL/CASA programs in their Annual Report to the State Office, you need to include **both** set of numbers in your CAPTA grant application and explain why there is a difference and which numbers you believe to be more accurate and why. (Please note-for the number of JC and JT cases/filings for your county in 2005, you must use the numbers provided on the attached Judicial Service Report rather than obtaining these numbers from any other source.)

Some factors that may be causing this difference and that you may want to consider are: (1) whether the numbers reported by the judges on the QCSR's include the appointment of GAL's who are not part of your program, such as attorneys; (2) whether the courts are assigning separate cause numbers for each child in every JC and JT as they are required to do; (3) whether the QCSR's reflect orders of appointment of GAL/CASA's which do not always mean an immediate appointment, but mean that children are placed on a waiting list; (4) any other factors such as who is keeping track of the number of GAL/CASA appointments in these cases and how those numbers are being tracked.

These discrepancies highlight the importance of carefully and accurately tracking statistics such as the number of GAL/CASA appointments. Inaccurate data collection and reporting may affect the funding of GAL/CASA programs. As a result, to avoid these problems in the future, we strongly recommend that the GAL/CASA program directors meet with the judges and/or court staff in their counties and collaborate with them to make every effort to improve the accuracy of the collection of the data regarding the number of GAL/CASA appointments in JC and JT cases. The accuracy of this data is critical as the CAPTA grants and future funding will be impacted by these statistics.

2005 Juvenile Statistics (from 2005 Indiana Judicial Service Report)

County	JC - New Filings	JT - New Filings	JC - GAL/CASA Appts.	JD - GAL/CASA Appts.	JP - GAL/CASA Appts.	JT - GAL/CASA Appts.	DR - GAL/CASA Appts.	JM - GAL/CASA Appts.	Other - GAL/CASA Appts.
Adams	12	2	3	0	1	0	3	0	0
Allen	409	157	198	54	609	0	16	3	327
Bartholomew	76	17	76	1	0	23	0	0	0
Benton	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackford	48	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boone	277	11	69	12	15	5	19	2	0
Brown	4	0	2	8	0	0	7	0	7
Carroll	6	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	4
Cass	35	10	31	3	10	2	15	0	6
Clark	108	57	6	1	12	0	19	0	0
Clay	51	1	13	2	0	1	0	0	1
Clinton	23	2	4	0	2	0	14	0	0
Crawford	35	9	10	3	1	1	2	0	0
Daviess	15	7	0	1	0	2	0	0	2
Dearborn	75	11	8	0	0	0	1	0	1
Decatur	22	8	13	0	1	1	1	0	0
DeKalb	336	18	18	0	1	3	4	0	2
Delaware	262	56	37	0	4	4	11	0	6
DuBois	52	2	12	0	3	2	8	4	2
Elkhart	75	76	55	1	41	33	104	83	3
Fayette	84	28	79	6	0	12	0	0	2
Floyd	74	7	4	0	0	1	5	0	0
Fountain	75	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	25	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Fulton	25	10	24	1	0	4	0	0	0
Gibson	65	6	63	18	8	6	37	0	3
Grant	41	6	25	0	0	0	6	0	5
Greene	127	32	50	1	0	9	0	0	0
Hamilton	241	28	13	15	9	0	36	0	5
Hancock	30	2	16	3	0	1	0	0	0
Harrison	55	7	20	1	0	9	1	0	1
Hendricks	19	4	6	5	2	0	36	0	1
Henry	89	27	38	0	3	0	12	0	2
Howard	66	8	48	12	2	6	9	0	0
Huntington	34	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
Jackson	95	26	13	0	0	0	6	0	0
Jasper	19	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	0
Jay	18	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jefferson	155	3	29	0	2	1	3	0	0
Jennings	51	5	38	0	0	0	3	0	3
Johnson	122	20	77	5	5	6	22	0	6
Knox	56	9	28	0	0	0	3	0	0
Kosciusko	14	7	8	1	4	0	10	0	4
LaGrange	53	5	1	0	7	1	2	0	5
Lake	1,215	163	1183	31	31	128	78	1	61
LaPorte	123	32	10	0	3	2	4	0	3
Lawrence	40	28	18	0	3	0	13	0	0
Madison	171	35	86	0	0	0	3	0	20

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Marion	1,920	433	1144	197	44	450	14	1	33
Marshall	56	37	27	1	1	8	0	0	3
Martin	3	0	2	3	11	0	12	0	1
Miami	58	14	30	0	1	5	0	0	0
Monroe	80	55	10	2	8	11	2	0	0
Montgomery	83	9	22	0	0	0	1	0	0
Morgan	39	7	24	1	0	0	1	0	3
Newton	19	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noble	82	20	38	1	30	24	22	0	6
Ohio	8	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	15	2	6	0	0	0	6	0	0
Owen	40	5	5	2	1	0	3	0	1
Parke	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	19	12	8	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pike	31	10	18	0	0	3	1	0	0
Porter	172	28	172	0	0	0	34	0	1
Posey	12	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	2
Pulaski	148	3	25	1	4	0	5	0	11
Putnam	79	9	77	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randolph	29	12	16	4	3	11	0	0	1
Ripley	34	12	13	0	0	9	0	0	0
Rush	21	2	18	0	0	0	5	0	0
St. Joseph	412	135	8	2	12	0	1	0	1
Scott	38	9	59	5	1	4	5	0	2

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Shelby	60	1	40	0	0	4	1	0	0
Spencer	7	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0
Starke	28	7	20	1	1	1	1	0	0
Steuben	63	16	27	0	1	1	6	0	0
Sullivan	33	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	10	1	2	2	1	1	3	0	3
Tippecanoe	307	151	158	2	22	41	39	0	1
Tipton	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Union	32	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanderburgh	363	93	246	0	5	33	9	0	0
Vermillion	17	0	6	2	1	0	3	0	0
Vigo	176	114	24	3	1	0	0	0	7
Wabash	42	2	17	0	1	1	2	0	6
Warren	13	0	10	1	1	0	2	0	0
Warrick	58	25	39	0	8	11	18	0	0
Washington	27	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Wayne	49	14	12	0	46	0	89	0	1
Wells	26	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
White	37	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Whitley	11	6	24	0	4	0	6	0	0